Vegetabls waste Compost, Biofertilizers production and Hatcheries for vermiculture etc.

Status of Litchi Development and Research Centre

†1029. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the up-to -date position of Litchi Development and Research Centre to be established in Mujaffarpur of Bihar; and

(b) by when, it would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The National Research Centre for Litchi established in Mujaffarpur, Bihar in 2002 is already functioning.

Promoting Cold Water Fisheries

†1030. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures being taken for increasing production of cold water fisheries;

(b) whether Government have assessed the capacity of the production of the said variety on the basis of the survey of various hill States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken for encouraging the production of such variety of fish in the States which are yielding lesser than their capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) On the basis of vast and varied cold water fishery resources available in the country, the Government launched a pilot scheme on Development of Coldwater Fisheries and Aquaculture in Hill Regions with 100% central assistance in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttaranchal in the terminal year of Ninth Plan (2001-02). The pilot scheme was implemented by the respective states with the technical support from the concerned fishery institute of ICAR.

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